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Natural Gas Star

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SEPCo participates in EPA program, workshop

Submitted by EPW HSE

SEPCo co-hosted an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Natural Gas Star Technology Transfer Workshop on June 8, at Rice University in Houston. The Shell Center for Sustainability at Rice, EPA, Gulf Coast Environmental Affairs Group, and the American Petroleum Institute (API) were also co-sponsors of the event. Approximately 40 representatives from industry and government agencies attended the workshop.

The focus of the workshop was to share best practices for reducing methane emissions from offshore operations. In addition to co-hosting the event, Jim Robinson, EPW HSE Manager, presented emission reduction case studies from SEPCo Gulf of Mexico operations.

Feedback received from governmental agencies and workshop attendees was extremely positive. The attached letter from the EPA Natural Gas Star Program recognizes SEPCo for its significant contribution and highlights the recent conference as one of the best in the history of the program.

Natural Gas Star Recognition

Established in 1992, the Natural Gas STAR Program is a flexible, voluntary partnership between EPA and the oil and natural gas industry. Through the Program, EPA works with companies that produce, process, and transmit and distribute natural gas to identify and promote the implementation of cost-effective technologies and practices to reduce emissions of methane, a potent greenhouse gas. Greg Southworth, a member of the EPW Environmental Team, leads SEPCo's participation in the program.

For more information please visit the Natural Gas Star web site at <http://www.epa.gov/gasstar/>.

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